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Response to Amendment

1. This Office communication is in response to the amendments to the specification, claims, and drawings filed on November 10, 2003. The aforementioned amendments have **NOT** been entered for the reasons set forth below.

2. The abovementioned amendments submitted by the applicant are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendments to the specification, the claims, and the drawings are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003. For example, the replacement figures are not identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" as required. Additionally, the amendments to the abstract must **NOT** include a completely underlined replacement abstract; all that is required is a single marked-up replacement abstract showing the changes made. Finally, the listing of the claims **MUST** include the marked-up text of ALL pending (including withdrawn and new) claims. No completely underlined (duplicate) replacement copies of amended claims should be provided. The above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

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